

[No Report.]

FEBRUARY 9, 1847.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. W. HUNT, on leave, introduced the following bill :

A BILL

Granting a bounty in land to such soldiers of the old fourth regiment of United States infantry as served during any part of the last war with Great Britain.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 each commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, and soldier
4 of the old fourth regiment of United States infantry who served
5 during any part of the last war with Great Britain, and was
6 regularly discharged, and who has not received a bounty in land
7 from the United States, shall be allowed, under such regulations
8 as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, one hun-
9 dred and sixty acres of land as a bounty from the United States :
10 said land to be entered at the proper land office free of cost or
11 charge, and to be selected out of any of the unappropriated land
12 of the United States which may be subject to sale at private
13 entry. And the legal representatives of each of the aforesaid
14 commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers
15 who may not be living at the time this act shall take effect,

16 shall be entitled to receive the bounty of one hundred and sixty
17 acres herein provided for.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any pledge, mort-
2 gage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim, or interest
3 to or in any bounty land granted by this act, made, or in any
4 manner promised to be made, before the issuing of the patent,
5 shall be utterly void. Each person acting in behalf of any one
6 entitled to land under this act shall take and subscribe an oath,
7 to be administered by the proper accounting officer and retained
8 by him on file, before a patent shall issue, that he has no inter-
9 est in such bounty land by any pledge, mortgage, sale, assign-
10 ment, or transfer, or by any promise of any kind, and that he
11 does not know or believe that the same has been so disposed of
12 to any person whatsoever.